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Subj: Request for Forest Service Concurrence Document Stating Post Mining Land Use
has been met with the Des-Bee-Dove Permit Area, PacifiCorp, Des-Bee-Dove Mine,
ACT/015/017, Emery County, Utah.

Dear Jeff:

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby requests a formal document stating that PacifiCorp has met post mining land use criteria within the Des-Bee-Dove Mine permit area.

As you are well aware, the DBD mine has been idled since 1987. Coal reserves from the mine have been exhausted or are no longer economically feasible to recover. The portals have been permanently sealed and, most recently in September 1999, surface facility demolition commenced. This phase of reclamation was completed in the latter part of January, 2000. All surface facilities have been removed, concrete footers and asphalt pads have been excavated, and portals have been backfilled. PacifiCorp anticipates to begin the next phase (backfill and grading) of final reclamation in 2001.

PacifiCorp is in the process of converting the current coal mining and reclamation permit to a permit solely for the purposes of reclamation. The revision of Part 1 (first step in the conversion process) will accurately describe the most current, up to date, legal and financial information. An amendment to Part 1 was submitted on April 11, 2000.

As part of the Part 1 revision, PacifiCorp proposes to reduce the permit area from its current size (2,760.0 acres) to an size that contains only those areas which were impacted by coal mining and reclamation activities (154.86 acres). These impacted areas are covered by the Performance Bond held by PacifiCorp. An attached drawing is included that accurately describes these areas.

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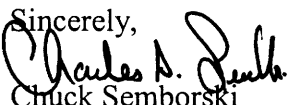
Upon review of the April 11, 2000 submittal, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining published a Technical Analysis report dated June 12, 2000 (ACT/015/017-LF00B, pages 10 and 11, copies attached) finding that PacifiCorp needed to provide a ... *"description of how the land has met the stated postmining land use and how the mined land has met the surface owner or surface manager plans and programs described in the permit."* The permit states that land use after mining will be industry, grazing, and wildlife habitat. The areas to be eliminated from the permit boundaries meet these criteria. There has never been any notable disturbance upon these lands. Subsidence has occurred within the Des-Bee-Dove Mine permit area, but there is no major surface damage reported (refer to Annual Subsidence Reports through 1999). Subsidence within the permit area is substantially complete.

The Annual Hydrologic Report discloses that only one spring (82-51) has been documented within the Des-Bee-Dove Mine permit area. There is no evidence of mining caused impacts to this spring. No other water resources are found within the Des-Bee-Dove Mine permit area.

Based on research conducted by Energy West, the criteria for meeting post mining land use according to the Forest Service plans and programs and to the R645-301 Coal Mining Regulations have been met. PacifiCorp requests that the Forest Service provide documented concurrence that all criteria have been met. Providing this document will allow PacifiCorp to proceed in the process of converting the current coal mining permit to a permit solely for the purposes of reclaiming the Des-Bee-Dove Mine.

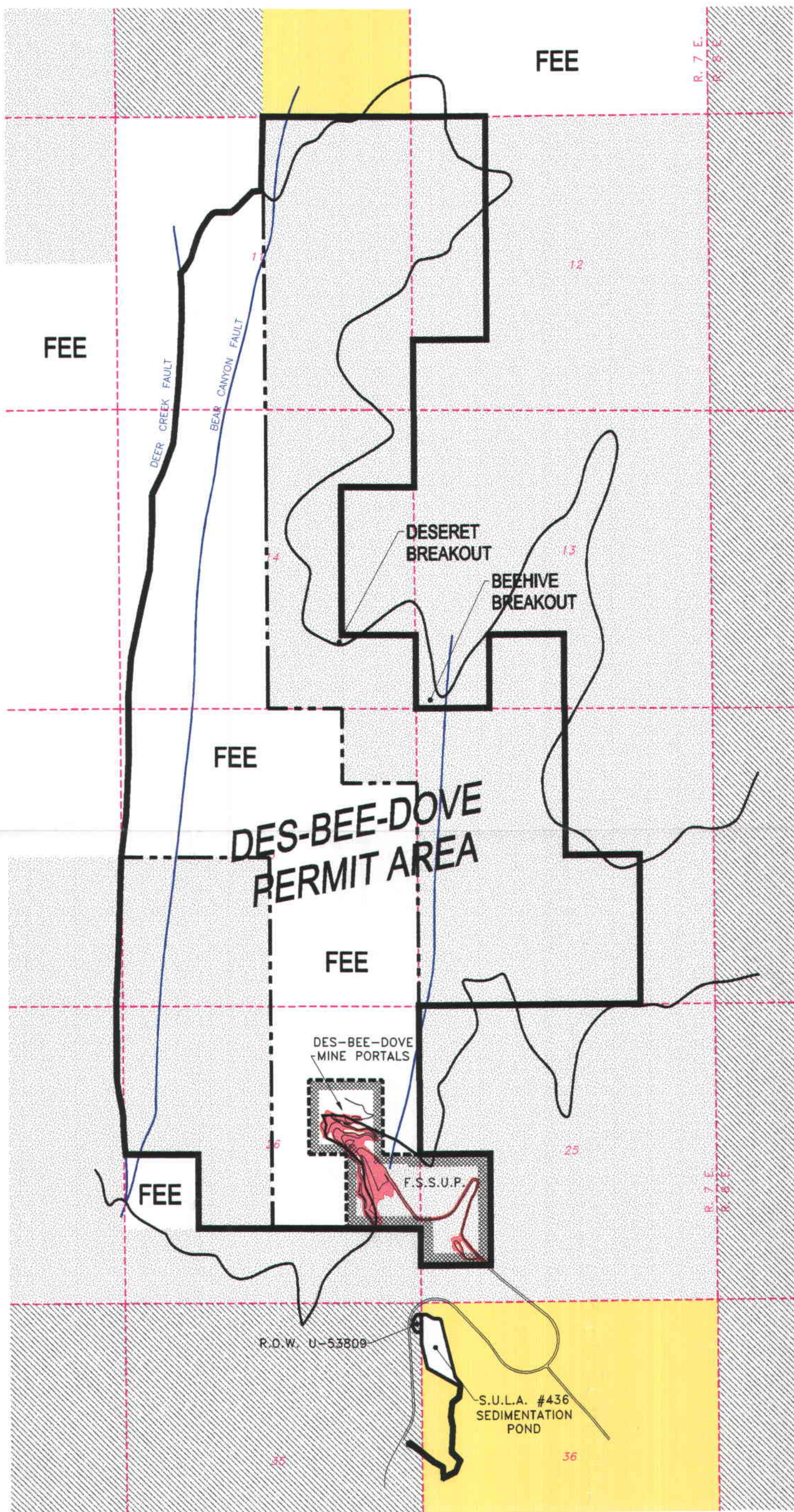
DOGM has requested that we provide answers to their Technical Analysis report by July 15, 2000. Your help in meeting this time frame would be very much appreciated.

If you have any question or concerns regarding this request please feel free to contact me at (435) 687-4720 or Dennis Oakley at (435) 687-4825.

Sincerely,

Chuck Semborski
Geology/Permitting Supervisor

Encl: Map - Des-Bee-Dove Mine: Old vs. Proposed Permit Boundary Map
Pages 10 and 11 - Technical Analysis, June 12, 2000

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- STATE LAND
- NATURAL RESOURCE LAND
- FOREST SERVICE LAND
- DES-BEE-DOVE DISTURBED AREA

- DES-BEE-DOVE PERMIT BOUNDARY
- PROPOSED DES-BEE-DOVE PERMIT BOUNDARY